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Could you add Mary Peterson to the distribution ? She is from R7 and will do a 2 week detail with us

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> On Aug 30, 2017, at 10:08 AM, Durant, Jennah <Durant.Jennah@epa.gov> wrote:

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> Hurricane coverage:

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> 1 — As Houston dries out, rescues and recovery continue, Houston Chronicle, 8/30/2017

> <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-weather/hurricaneharvey/article/Houston-hunkers-to-Harvey-braces-for-long-storm-12003388.php>

> Thousands of homes upstream from the Barker and Addicks Reservoirs have flooded after both dams backed up from heavy rainfall. Area residents likely won't be able to return home for several more weeks.

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> 2 — Harvey Makes Landfall In Louisiana As Houston Copes With Record Rainfall, NPR, 8/30/2017

> <http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/08/30/547227788/harvey-makes-landfall-again-in-louisiana>

> Tropical Storm Harvey has made landfall again, this time in Louisiana, says the National Hurricane Center, which said at 4 a.m. local time that the storm hit "just west" of Cameron, La.

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> 3 — Shell, Exxon say some pollution released as Harvey hit Texas, CBS, 8/30/2017

> <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/shell-exxon-say-some-pollution-released-as-harvey-hit-texas/>

> Exxon, Shell and other companies said pollutants have been released from their refineries operated as torrential rains damaged storage tanks and other industrial facilities on the Texas Coast.

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> 4 — Harvey triggers spike in hazardous chemical releases, Politico, 8/29/2017

> <http://www.politico.com/story/2017/08/29/hurricane-harvey-chemical-danger-242142>

> Hobbled oil refineries and damaged fuel facilities along the Gulf Coast of Texas from Tropical storm Harvey have released more than two million pounds of dangerous chemicals into the air this week, adding new health threats to Houston's already considerable woes.

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> 5 — Houston's polluted Superfund sites threaten to contaminate floodwaters, Washington Post, 8/29/2017

> <http://wapo.st/2xxzOmx>

> The Environmental Protection Agency is prioritizing search and rescue for those who were stranded by the storm, but federal and state environmental agencies in the Houston and Galveston areas may soon face contaminated drinking water and flooded wastewater plants.

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> 6 — Arkema chemical plant faces explosion risk after Harvey floodwaters, Houston Chronicle, 8/29/2017

> <http://www.chron.com/news/houston-weather/hurricaneharvey/article/Arkema-chemical-plant-faces-explosion-risk-after-12159448.php>

> Flood waters from Hurricane Harvey created an emergency situation that could trigger explosions at the Arkema chemical plant northeast of Houston in Crosby. Late Monday night, the facility lost power from both its primary supply and its backup generators due to flooding.

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> 7 — Exxon Mobil halts operations at Beaumont refinery, San Antonio Express-News, 8/30/17

> <http://www.mysanantonio.com/business/energy/article/Exxon-Mobil-closing-Beaumont-refinery-for-Harvey-12160958.php>

> Exxon Mobil said Wednesday it is shutting down its large Beaumont refinery after Tropical Storm Harvey

battered the area Tuesday night.

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> 8— Refineries' toxic gas, Harvey damage, EPA economic reviews, BNA, 8/30/17

> <https://www.bna.com/first-move-refineries-b73014463854/>

> Houston's hazardous air pollution has spiked as Hurricane Harvey shuts down refineries and petrochemical complexes. Emergency shutdowns released more than 2 million pounds of harmful pollutants into the air, according to initial reports to Texas regulators.

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> 9 — EDITORIAL: Deadly gumbo and Houton's Katrina: Hurricane Harvey cuts close, Houston Chronicle, 8/29/17

> <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/editorials/article/Deadly-gumbo-and-Houton-s-Katrina-Hurricane-12159910.php>

> Stretches of the city are beginning to emerge from the waters, but Houston remains bookended on east and west by two looming catastrophes - the San Jacinto waste pits and the Addicks and Barker Dams.

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> 10 — OPINION: Flooding and the city: The big picture, Houston Chronicle, 8/30/17

> <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/local/gray-matters/article/Hurricanes-and-flooding-The-larger-picture-going-12159234.php>

> We're still trying to figure out what Harvey means for the city and the region going forward. But before we ask any questions, let's state a fact as plainly as possible: This is the worst storm the U.S. has ever seen.

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> 11 — OPINION: Will Harvey lead to new thinking about area development?, Houston Chronicle, 8/29/17

> <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/columnists/greater-houston/article/Will-Harvey-be-the-storm-that-leads-to-new-12116535.php>

> We can't make Houston less flat or change its weather, although steps to slow the pace of climate change could make a difference over the long term. What we can do is rethink how and where we build the houses, shopping centers and parking lots that deflect water rather than absorb it.

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> 12 — Southwest Louisiana escapes brunt of Harvey after landfall Wednesday, Baton Rouge Advocate, 8/30/17

> http://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/article_d2cb06e2-8d7a-11e7-adc9-e325e02d7101.html

> The National Guard and Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office had a quiet night Tuesday, they both said early Wednesday.

> Vinton, a town about 20 miles west of Lake Charles, was hit hardest as Tropical Storm Harvey made landfall early Wednesday.

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> 13 — Crude slips, gasoline jumps as storm shuts a fifth of U.S. fuel output, Reuters, 8/29/17

> <https://in.reuters.com/article/us-global-oil-idINKCN1BA07E>

> Refineries with output of 4.1 million barrels per day (bpd) were offline on Tuesday, representing 23 percent of U.S. production, Goldman Sachs said. Restarting plants even under the best conditions can take a week or more.

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> 14 — The Looming Consequences of Breathing Mold, The Atlantic, 8/30/17

> <https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2017/08/mold-city/538224/>

> The flooding of Houston is a health catastrophe unfolding publicly in slow motion. The impact of hurricanes on health is not captured in the mortality and morbidity numbers in the days after the rain. This is typified by the inglorious problem of mold.

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> 15 — A battered, isolated Port Aransas picks itself up, San Antonio Express-News, 8/30/17

> <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/Port-Aransas-now-open-for-cleanup-takes-stock-12159268.php>

> This beach island community lay prostrate Tuesday — no internet or phone service, no running water or electricity and a dawn-to-dusk curfew. Days after Hurricane Harvey lashed the Coastal Bend with winds nearing 130 mph, Aransas Pass residents labored under a frontier isolation, knowing next to nothing about the fate of others down the road or across Redfish Bay.

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> Other news:

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> 16 — This miracle weed killer was supposed to save farms. Instead, it's devastating them., Washington Post, 8/29/17

> <http://wapo.st/2wSqFHZ>

> Clay Mayes slams on the brakes of his Chevy Silverado and jumps out with the engine running, yelling at a dogwood by the side of the dirt road as if it had said something insulting. Its leaves curl downward and in on themselves like tiny, broken umbrellas. It's the telltale mark of inadvertent exposure to a controversial herbicide called dicamba.

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> 17 — Louisiana fights the sea, and loses, The Economist, 8/29/17

> <https://www.economist.com/news/united-states/21727099-has-lessons-americas-climate-change-policy-louisiana-fights-sea-and-loses>

> Coastal erosion is one of America's biggest environmental crises. Louisiana contains some of the world's most extensive wetlands, home to a fifth of North America's waterfowl. It is an economic and human disaster, too. The threatened coastal area is home to 2m people and a hub of the oil-and-gas industry.

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> 18 — Safer approach detailed to reduce nitrogen in plant discharge, Ruidoso (NM) News, 8/29/17

> <http://www.ruidosonews.com/story/news/local/community/2017/08/29/safer-approach-detailed-reduce-nitrogen-plant-discharge/613749001/>

> In a continuing effort to improve safety while attempting to meet new stringent federal and state nitrogen standards imposed on the discharge into the Rio Ruidoso of the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, operators of the Ruidoso facility are switching to a new carbon source.

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> 19 — Louisiana coast's insect invader has no taste for sugar cane, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 8/30/17

> http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2017/08/insect_invaders_in_south_louis.html#incart_river_index

> The plague of insects decimating roseau cane marshes in coastal Louisiana might not be a threat after all to roseau's cash-crop cousin.

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